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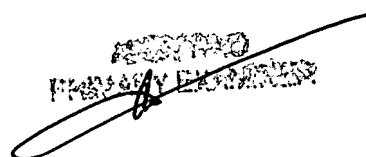
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1. ☐ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
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Continuation of 10. Other (including any explanation in support of the above items): In particular, the Examiner notes that the Brief of 3/21/07 puts forth an argument that relies upon a Declaration that is supposedly enclosed with the Brief as in Appendix A, said declaration being signed by an expert in the field of adaptive technology used for people with hearing losses (Brief of 3/21/07: page 7, lines 20-31; page 8, lines 1-34). However, the Examiner notes that the Brief also states under the "Evidence Appendix" that no evidence appendix is being provided herewith, and that no Declaration is present with the Brief. Accordingly, the Examiner asserts that as such, the Brief is incomplete, as without this Declaration, the third argument fails on its own. The Examiner has also looked at the prosecution history of the case and notes that the Declaration is not presented in previously filed Briefs of 5/31/05 and 2/2/05, even though this third argument is repeated in those documents as well. In order to overcome this Notice of Non-compliance, the Examiner would suggest to the Appellant that a corrected Brief (i.e. "Evidence Appendix") and accompanying Declaration be provided, so that the forthcoming Examiner's Answer can completely address all outstanding issues .